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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaki TOMARU

Group Art Unit: 3682

Appln. No.: 10/759,431

Examiner: D. Fenstermacher

Filed: November 20, 2004

For: : ELECTRIC STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, please amend this application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.